

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) In combination with a food fryer having a vessel and a body of oil in the vessel in which food is fried, a drain comprising:

a housing connected to the vessel, forming a valve seat, and formed with a passage opening into the vessel and into the seat;

a valve body formed with a passage and pivotal in the seat between an open position with the passage of the valve body aligned with the passage of the housing and a closed position with the passage of the valve body not aligned with the passage of the housing, and through a partially rotated position between the open and closed positions and in which flow through the passage is partial; and

a rigid tube fixed to and pivotal with the valve body and formed with a passage opening into the passage of the valve body, the body being pivotal in the housing such that in the closed position the tube extends upward from the housing and in the open position the tube extends downward from the housing.

1                   13. (previously presented) The combination defined in  
2 claim 12 wherein the housing includes a connecting tube extending  
3 between the seat and the vessel.

1                   14. (previously presented) The combination defined in  
2 claim 13 wherein the connecting tube extends downward from the  
3 vessel to the seat.

1                   15. (previously presented) The combination defined in  
2 claim 12 wherein the housing has an inner surface on which the  
3 passage of the housing opens and the valve body fits  
4 complementarily to the inner surface.

1                   16. (previously presented) The combination defined in  
2 claim 12 wherein the housing fits around the valve body and is  
3 formed with a slot through which the tube projects from the valve  
4 body out of the housing.

1                   17. (previously presented) The combination defined in  
2 claim 16 wherein the slot has opposite ends against which the tube  
3 bears in the open and closed positions.

1                   18. (previously presented) The combination defined in  
2     claim 12 wherein in the open position the tube extends vertically  
3     upward from the housing.

1                   19. (previously presented) The combination defined in  
2     claim 12 wherein the tube is unitary with the valve body.

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